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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Replaced para. 1 with the following

This application is a continuation-in-part application of pending Ser. No. 09/559,964, "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking On Mobile Devices," filed April 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,779,042, which is a continuation-in-part application of pending Ser. No. 09/393,390, "Interactive Applications for Handheld Computers," filed September 10, 1999, now abandoned, both of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.

Replaced para. 2 with the following

This patent application is potentially related to the following co-pending U.S. utility patent application, which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety:

An Interactive Advertisement Mechanism On A Mobile Device," Serial No. 09/864,293, still pending, filed concurrently herewith.

Replaced para. 21 with the following

FIG. 1C illustrates a concept of the invention of placing objects, such as, but not limited to, advertisements on data processing devices, such as mobile devices. In one embodiment, the concept of placing objects on data processing devices is disclosed in more detail in copending application entitled "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking On Mobile Devices," Ser. No. 09/559,964, filed on April 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,779,042 which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

Replaced para. 36 with the following

Before being sent downstream the data is compared to the data that is known to be on the client and then the client is updated all at once in a one-up/one-down synchronization method, which is represented in FIG. 1F. In an embodiment, the one-up/one-down synchronization process is disclosed in more detail in co-pending application entitled "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking On Mobile Devices," Ser. No. 09/559,964, filed on April 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,779,042. The server sets the client to preemptively prepare all device information necessary during the sync. Then the server receives the set of information in a one-up fashion. The server collates the information and sends the information in a one-down fashion. This optimizes the sync's efficiency and speed. The sync process, according to embodiments of the invention, is represented in FIGS. 1G and 1H, and further described in co-pending application entitled "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking On Mobile Devices," Ser. No. 09/559,964, filed on April 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,779,042.

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Replaced para. 40 with the following

On the server, the graphic is optimized per the state information of the device. If the device sends down the need for the graphic on a page for a device with a display that is 27 cm wide and in grayscale, the server sends its best version of a graphic optimized for that environment. In one embodiment, the optimization process is disclosed in co-pending application entitled "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking On Mobile Devices," Ser. No. 09/559,964, filed on April 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,779,042.

Replaced para. 63 with the following

The administration module 122 controls and manages the states of the server 104 and the clients 108. For example, the administration module 122 manages and controls groups of clients 108, permissions assigned to clients 108, groups, and channels. For example, the administration module 122 administers the users/clients 108 assigned to groups, and the channels associated with users. These and additional functions performed by the administration module 122 are described in co-pending application entitled "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking On Mobile Devices," Ser. No. 09/559,964, filed on April 28, 2000, , now U.S. Patent 6,779,042.

Replaced para. 64 with the following

The database module 126 controls access to databases associated with the server 104. The database module 126 maintains information relevant to the clients 108, as well as information relevant to the modules contained in the server 104. The database module 126 manages information on the collection of channels maintained by server 104. These and additional functions performed by the database module 126 are described in co-pending application entitled "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking On Mobile Devices," Ser. No. 09/559,964, filed on April 28, 2000 , now U.S. Patent 6,779, 042.

Replaced para. 67-69 with the following

These and additional functions performed by the user interface 130 are described in co-pending application entitled "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking On Mobile Devices," Ser. No. 09/559,964, filed on April 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,779,042.

The web synchronization module 124 is an application/instance of server extension module 156, and controls synchronization of web content to client 108. The invention may include other synchronization modules (which are application/instances of server extension module 156) that control synchronization of other types of objects to clients 108. For example, the server 104 may administer a calendar that may be installed on clients 108. The synchronization of appointments, events and/or dates on this calendar between clients 108 and the server 104 may

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be performed by a calendar synchronization module. These and additional functions performed by the server extension module 156 are described in co-pending application entitled "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking On Mobile Devices," Ser. No. 09/559,964, filed on April 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,779,042.

The fleet management module 154 performs functions associated with fleets of clients 108, which are groups of clients 108. For example, fleet management module 154 may perform global or mass operations on groups (fleets) of clients 108, such as loading or updating an application on groups (fleets) of clients 108. Another example of a mass operation is retrieval of information on clients 108 in a fleet, such as the free memory in clients 108 in a fleet (this would help an organization determine if its clients 108 need a memory upgrade). These and additional functions performed by the fleet management module 154 are described in co-pending application entitled "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking On Mobile Devices," Ser. No. 09/559,964, filed on April 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,779,042.

Replaced para. 72 with the following

Server communication module 114 enables communication between the server 104 and entities external to the server 104, such as clients 108, adapters 118, providers 128, work stations, etc. The server 104 communicates with these entities via communication mediums 120, which may be any type of wireless or wired communication using any protocol. It is noted that multiple server communication modules 114 may execute in a single server 104. For example, in one embodiment, server communication module 114 is a TCP/IP stack. In another embodiment, server communication module 114 is a secure socket layer stack or a compression stack. The invention is not limited to any implementation examples discussed herein. These and additional functions performed by the server communication module 114 are described in co-pending application entitled "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking On Mobile Devices," Ser. No. 09/559,964, filed on April 28, 2000 (Atty. Docket No. 1933.0010001).

Replaced para. 78-80 with the following

Layout and rendering module 134 controls the processing of data objects on client 108, such as the layout and rendering of data objects on client 108. For example, the layout portion of module 134 obtains information from databases of the client 108 (via the database manager 146) and determines where such information should be rendered on the display of the client 108. Such information may include anything that can be rendered, such as but not limited to images, text, links, etc. The rendering portion of module 134 is responsible for drawing items on the display (drawing bits to the screen). These and

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additional functions performed by the layout and rendering module 134 are described in co-pending application entitled "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking On Mobile Devices," Ser. No. 09/559,964, filed on April 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,779,042.

The forms module 136 controls and manages forms. For example, in embodiments the forms module 136 manages aspects of off-line forms, such as HTML forms and/or multi-page forms. The forms module 136 enables access to and user interaction with forms (in some embodiments, the forms module 136 via UI 144 enables users of client 108 to directly access forms). The forms module 136 maintains the status of forms. Forms module 136 can also include a forms manager (not shown) to provide added functionality. These and additional functions performed by the forms module 136 are described in co-pending application entitled "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking On Mobile Devices," Ser. No. 09/559,964, filed on April 28, 2000 now U.S. Patent 6,779,042.

The user interface 144 is preferably a graphical user interface that enables users to interact with client 108 and functions and modules provided by the client 108. More generally, UI 144 controls how functions presented by modules of the client 108 are presented to users. The UI 144 controls how users interact with such functions and modules. It is noted that the functionality of the UI 144 may be distributed. For example, portions of the UI 144 may reside in the forms module 136, as well as other modules of client 108. These and additional functions performed by the user interface 144 are described in co-pending application entitled "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking On Mobile Devices," Ser. No. 09/559,964, filed on April 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,779,042.

Replaced para. 83-84 with the following

Similarly, the control module 142 may decide that it needs to store some data in a database. The control module 142 would do this by working with the client extension interface 138 to access the database module 146 to effect such a modification to the databases in the client 108. These and additional functions performed by the client extension interface 138 are described in co-pending application entitled "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking On Mobile Devices," Ser. No. 09/559,964, filed on April 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,779,042.

The JavaScript™ engine 140 executes objects written in the JavaScript™ language that operate on client 108. As noted, the JavaScript™ engine 140 conforms to the API of the client extension interface 138, and works with the client extension interface 138 to work with other modules in client 108. These and additional functions performed by the JavaScript™ engine 140 are described in co-pending application entitled "System, Method, and

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Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking On Mobile Devices," Ser. No. 09/559,964, filed on April 28, 2000, now U. S. Patent 6,779,042.

Replaced para. 87-88 with the following

The database module 146 controls access to databases associated with client 108. More generally, the database manager 146 controls access to resources on the client 108. For example, the control module 142 may interact with the database manager 146 to open an address book in the databases, and to write a record to the address book. Alternatively, the forms module 136 can interact with the database module 146 to access forms that are stored in the databases. These and additional functions performed by the database module 146 are described in co-pending application entitled "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking On Mobile Devices," Ser. No. 09/559,964, filed on April 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,779,042.

Client communications module 110 enables the client 108 to interact with external entities, such as server 104. In embodiments, the client communications module 110 enables TCP/IP traffic, although the invention is not limited to this example. More generally, the client communications module 110 enables communication over any type of communication medium 120, such as wireless, wired, etc., using any communication protocol, such as a pager protocol. These and additional functions performed by the client communications module 110 are described in co-pending application entitled "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking On Mobile Devices," Ser. No. 09/559,964, filed on April 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,779,042. The client interface module 112 enables the client 108 to communicate with adapters 118. Client interface module 112 optionally links to client communications module 110 in some embodiments to provide functionality (for example, when the client communications module 110 uses a wireless modem's drivers, which are accessed via client interface module 112). In embodiments, the client interface module 112 may be Hot SyncTM Manager in the Palm operating environment, or Active SyncTM in the Windows CETM operating environment, or Pilot LinkTM in the Unix operating environment. It is noted that these implementation examples are provided for illustrative purposes only. The invention is not limited to these examples. These and additional functions performed by the client interface module 112 are described in co-pending application entitled "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking On Mobile Devices," Ser. No. 09/559,964, filed on April 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,779,042.

Replaced para. 96 with the following

These and additional functions performed by modules of the adapter 118 are described in co-pending application entitled "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline

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Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking On Mobile Devices," Ser. No. 09/559,964, filed on April 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,779,042.

Replaced para. 107 with the following

The present invention provides numerous ways in which channels may be placed on mobile devices. For example, the invention allows a user to create custom channels by manually entering information regarding a user favorite web site or selecting an automatic channel option that enables the creation of a customized channel while surfing web pages. A user may also click a quick channel button supplied by the content provider 128 on the content provider's web page or choose a bookmark on a web browser to enable the placement of channels on their mobile device. These methods are further described in co-pending application entitled "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking On Mobile Devices," Ser. No. 09/559,964, filed on April 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,779,042.

Replaced para. 112 with the following

In step 204, the user registers device 106 with server 104. The registration process is further described in co-pending application entitled "System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Enabling On-Device Servers, Offline Forms, and Dynamic Ad Tracking on Mobile Devices," Ser. No. 09/559,964, filed on April 28, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,779,042. The process proceeds to step 206.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Larry D. Donaghue whose telephone number is 571-272-3962. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached on 571-272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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